

09/937124
PCT Rec'd 27 DEC 2001

F-7160

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#56
NEAL

Applicant : Birgit SEIDEL et al.
Serial No. : 09/937,124
For : METHOD FOR CONTROLLING CRYSTAL SIZE
DURING CONTINUOUS MASS
CRYSTALLISATION
Group Art Unit : Not yet known
Examiner : Not yet known

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 1.

Add the following claims 7-11:

--7. In a continuous mass crystallization conducted in a crystallization medium in a crystallizer, a method for controlling the size of crystals during the mass crystallization, comprising producing a seeding product independently of the mass crystallization, the average particle diameter of solids of the seeding product